

MINUTES
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
South Carolina Athletic Commission
Thursday, October 17, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m.

Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, Conference Room 202-02
110 Centerview Drive, Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Meeting Called to Order:

Alan Wells, Chair, called the meeting of the South Carolina Athletic Commission to order at 10:00 a.m. Mr. Wells announced that public notice of this meeting was properly posted at the S.C. Athletic Commission Office, Synergy Business Park, Kingstree Building, and provided to all requesting persons, organizations, and news media in compliance with Section 30-4-80 of the South Carolina Freedom of Information Act.

Commission members present in this meeting included:

Alan Wells, Chair – 4th Congressional District
Clyde Jones – 5th Congressional District
Pamela Shealy – At-Large Member

Commission members participating via teleconference included:

Ed Lawson – 1st Congressional District
Anthony “Tony” Eubanks – 3rd Congressional District
James Phillips – At-Large Physician

Staff members participating in this meeting included Rod Atkinson, Larry Hall, Wanda Cooke, Diana Williams, Charles Ido, Dean Griggs, Darra Coleman and Sheridon Spoon, Advice Counsel.

Pledge of Allegiance

All present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Invocation:

Commissioner Jones provided the Invocation.

Approval of Agenda:

It was requested to move item #7 (Fee Adjustment Proposal) above New Business.

MOTION:

Ms. Shealy made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Absences

Steven Dean – 6th Congressional District

William Boyte – 2nd Congressional District

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve these absences. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes from August 6, 2013

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 6, 2013 meeting. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Fee Adjustment Proposal – Darra Coleman, Office of Advice Counsel

Ms. Coleman addressed the Commission to discuss proposed fee adjustments. Ms. Coleman informed the Board that LLR had conducted a financial analysis of all its Boards and Commissions to determine whether fees charged are sufficient, but not excessive, to cover the operating expenses of the Board. This analysis revealed that fees currently being charged by the Athletic Commission are not adequate for daily operations of the Board. Therefore, a proposed fee increase schedule was presented.

Question and Answer session ensued.

MOTION:

Ms. Shealy made a motion to table this issue until a later date. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Application Hearings

Corey Goodwin

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. Corey Goodwin. Mr. Goodwin was present and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the disposition of this case and receive legal advice. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to enter Open Session. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Ms. Shealy made a motion to approve Mr. Goodwin's boxer application, provided he complies with his previous Order from 2010, by 5 p.m. today.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court report in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

Dennis McKinney

The Commission held an Application Hearing regarding Mr. Dennis McKinney. Mr. McKinney appeared before the Commission and was not represented by legal counsel. Discussion ensued.

MOTION:

Ms. Shealy made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the disposition of this case and receive legal advice. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to return to Open Session. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Ms. Shealy made a motion to deny Mr. KcKinney's boxer application. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court report in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

MMA Age Restriction Waiver Hearing

Amos Collins

The Commission held a Hearing regarding Amos Collins, to determine if Mr. Collins should be granted an age restriction waiver to participate in MMA contests for the remainder of his 2013 license period. Mr. Collins appeared before the Commission and was not represented by legal counsel. The Commission viewed video evidence of Mr. Collins' previous events. Discussion ensued.

The Commission took a brief recess.

The Commission reviewed another segment of video evidence.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss the disposition of this case and receive legal advice. Mr. Lawson seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to return to Open Session. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

MOTION:

Ms. Shealy made a motion to approve Mr. Collins' request for age restriction waiver, provided he has an Echocardiogram which has been read, interpreted and approved by a SC State Board Certified Cardiologist and also reviewed by Commissioner Dr. Bill Phillips, prior to his next fight. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

(This proceeding was recorded by a court report in order to produce a verbatim transcript if requested in accordance with the law.)

Regulation Concerns – Andrew Stokes

Mr. Stokes addressed the Commission to discuss concerns he has with the proposed Regulations. Discussion ensued.

Proposed Commission Meeting Dates for 2014

The proposed 2014 schedule for meeting dates was reviewed.

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to approve the 2014 schedule for meeting dates of February 4, May 6, August 5 and October 7. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Angela Gary, Promoter, addressed the Commission regarding her inability to understand the requirements of a new promoter in South Carolina. The Commission recommended that she make an appointment to meet with an administrative staff member to go over these requirements.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION:

Mr. Jones made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Shealy seconded the motion which carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.